

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election of species based on the various alkanoyl groups included in claims 1-7. The Examiner requires the applicant elect a single disclosed species and to list all claims readable thereon.

In response to this action applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner about the need for a species requirement in this application. As defined in claim 1, there are only two variables in the peptide derivative. These being X which is an acetyl or straight, branched or cyclic alkanoyl group from 3 to 16 carbon atoms and Y which is selected from OH or amino.

Applicants submit that a search of the peptide derivative of claim 1 could be covered in a single search and is not as the Examiner stated a "burden to search". However, if the Examiner does not agree with what is stated, applicants state that the species which should be searched is X as a straight or branched alkanoyl group from 3-16 carbon atoms. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7-13 read on this species. If a further species election is required, applicants elect the species of SEQ ID NO:3 which is claimed in claim 4. Claims which read on the species of SEQ ID NO:3 are claims 1, 2, 4 and 8-13.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Applicants submit that the present application is condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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